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The petitioners, by way of the present petition under Section 482 CrPC seek the issuance of directions to respondents-1 and 2 to direct respondent-3 not to harass and humiliate them and not to register any criminal case against respondent-2 with regard to the solemnization of the marriage amongst the petitioners. A further direction is sought for directing the respondents-1 to 3 to protect their life and liberty. Besides, to restrain respondents-4 and 5 who are the father and brother respectively of petitioner-1 from interfering in the life and liberty of the petitioners in any manner.

The petitioners are stated to be adults and are major. The date of birth of petitioner-1 is 18.9.1986 as per the All India Secondary School Examination certificate dated 21.8.2001 (Annexure P1). The date of birth of petitioner-2 is 7.2.1983 as per the Matriculation certificate dated 7.4.1999 (Annexure P2) issued by the Punjab School Education Board. Both the petitioners developed a liking for each other and, therefore, decided to solemnize their marriage. However, this was objected to by the parents of petitioner-1. The petitioners then, on their own, solemnized their marriage amongst themselves on 25.5.2007 at Divya Anand Cultural Organisation at Balmiki Mandir, Sector 24, Chandigarh. The said Organisation has issued a certificate dated 25.5.2007 (Annexure P3) with regard to the marriage that has been solemnized. Being an inter-caste marriage, the respondents-4 and 5, it is stated, have adopted a rigid attitude. Therefore, the petitioners, seek protection of their life and liberty from them and also for a direction to respondent-3 not to register any false case against them.

After hearing learned counsel for the petitioners and perusing the record, it is appropriate to note that the petitioners have not made any grievance with regard to the allegations as made in the present petition before respondents-2 and 3 who, in the circumstances of the case, would be in a better position to ascertain the ground realities and also grant the necessary relief.

In the circumstances, the present petition is disposed of with a direction to respondents-2 and 3 that in case the petitioners approach any of them setting out their grievances as have been made in the present petition, the same would be looked into by them independently and in accordance with law.

29.5.2007. (S.S.SARON)
ASR JUDGE